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There have been times in my life where fear has gotten the best of me, times when I could envision the worst of scenarios. What if...I don't get the job; my bills exceed my earnings; things don't get better.... what then? Through it all one thing has proven itself repeatedly; if you think that way, odds are things will get worse. I realize that as Christians we are to expect things to be tough, Jesus said: *"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.* John 15:20 (NASU)

Still, that gives us no reason to imagine the worst! Life has its way of unfolding all sorts of unexpected tragedies, but when we magnify them mentally, they manifest themselves physically. That is to say, if you want more problems just keep thinking about what else could go wrong! I have discovered a simple truth, there is no way to keep problems from happening...but there is a way to find safety from them. We need to replace our "what if's" with "I trust you." Fear about the future can only multiply our woes, whereas trust in the Lord guarantees safe passage through them! The wise man said it this way:

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25 (KJV)

Life is too short to spend countless hours entangling ourselves with daily fears. Imagine what we can accomplish when fear no longer has a hold on our hearts. After all, the "worst thing" that could ever happen to us is only a tool to lead us to better things.

Think about it.

In Him, Byron